



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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MEETING NOTICE RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

June 26, 2018 – 6:00 PM
URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Building
Corless Auditorium
South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI

AGENDA

Agenda item	ePacket Attachment(s)	Recommended action(s)
1. Approval of tonight’s agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 26, 2018 meeting agenda 	Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes from March 14, 2018 	Approval of meeting minutes.
3. Public comment		Discussion and/or recommendations for future action.
4. <u>Update on Bay-wide Quahaug stock assessment and Providence River water quality:</u> C. <i>McManus</i>		FYI, discussion, and/or recommendation for future action.
5. <u>June 4 public hearing items:</u> <i>J. McNamee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Notice • Workshop presentation • Annotated regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part 1: Modification and/or deletion of terms ○ Part 3 - Finfish: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of language “whether caught within the jurisdiction of this State or otherwise”, in several locations throughout the regulation • Transfer of quota between the striped bass floating fish trap and general category fisheries • Increase in minimum size for recreational Shortfin Mako 	Provide recommendations to DEM Director regarding proposed regulations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease the starting possession limit for Aggregated Large Coastal (LCS) & Hammerhead species groups • Coastal shark management, regarding rod and reel gear and safe handling requirements • Provide for federally permitted vessels to harvest, possess, or land Cod in state waters in the amount equal to the federal regulations, consistent with other groundfish species • Provide for the harvest of Barndoor skate in the Skate wing fishery ○ Proposed adoption of new regulation “Part 12- Regulations for an Expanded Aggregate Program for Commercial Black Sea Bass and Summer Flounder”. 	
6. <u>Cont’d discussion/ update re: transiting from Block Is. to mainland with federally regulated species: B. Ballou</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment 	FYI
7. <u>Shellfish Advisory Panel meeting summary (5/9/2018): J. Grant/C. McManus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • Powerpoint presentation • Draft meeting minutes 	Approval of meeting minutes.
8. <u>DMF webpage re: Council membership and process: P. Duhamel</u>		Provide picture and bio for inclusion into webpage
9. <u>FYI:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture review letters submitted to CRMC • RIMFC 2017 Annual Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-11-061, Keeley, Quonochontaug Pond • 2018-01-049, Lopes-Taylor, Sakonnet River • 2018-04-078, Crandall, Quonochontaug Pond • 2018-04-063, Puckett, Great Salt Pond Block Island • 2017 Annual Report and Cover letters 	FYI
10. <u>Update re: federal legislation proposing to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Act: B. Ballou</u>		Discussion and/or recommendation for future action.
11. <u>IAC membership application:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAC application 	Council vote to appoint to the IAC
12. <u>Other Business:</u>		Discussion and/or recommendations for future action.
13. Adjourn		